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SUBJ: GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S MEETING WITH MOROCCAN PERM REP
BENGELLOUN, SEPT. 20

1. AT REQUEST OF MOROCCAN PERMREP BENGELLOUN, HE PAID
CALL ON GOVERNOR SCRANTON SEPT. 20. PREDICTABLY, BENGELLOUN
WAS ANXIOUS TO LEARN OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD SAHARA QUESTION.
CLAIMING HE HAD NO IDEA OF ALGERIAN INTENTIONS, BENGELLOUN
SAID THAT MOROCCO, IN CONSTANT COORDINATION WITH MAURITANIA,
INTENDED TO ATTEMPT, WHEN ISSUE AROSE IN 4TH COMMITTEE,
TO FORCLOSE DISCUSSION. MOROCCO WOULD OBSERVE THAT MATTER
HAS BEEN REFERRED TO OAU EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT AND, PURSUANT
TO NON-ALIGNED RECOMMENDATION, SHOULD BE LEFT FOR OAU
TO DELIBERATE. BENGELLOUN DOUBTS THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE
FOR THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ITSELF TO DROP ITEM FROM AGENDA
SINCE BOTH SECGEN AND COMMITTEE OF 24 REPORTS HAVE BEEN
REFERRED TO 31ST UNGA. AT SAME TIME, BENGELLOUN BELIEVES
THAT REFERRAL OF SAHARA TO OAU COULD BE TAKEN BY 4TH
COMMITTEE VOTE OR BY DECISION FROM CHAIR, WITHOUT RESOLUTION.

2. BENGELLOUN ANTICIPATES THAT SINCE RES ACCEPTABLE TO
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MOROCCO WAS PASSED IN COLOMBO, WHERE AUDIENCE MORE

FAVORABLE TO ALGERIA EXISTED THAN THAT IN UNGA PLENARY,
MAJORITY OF UNGA WOULD BACK SUCH AN INITIATIVE.

3. IN PASSING, BENGELLOUN HINTED THAT MOROCCO WOULD VOTE
SAME AS IN 1975 ON KOREA QUESTION.
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